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THERAPEUTIC USE OF AN ATONAL-
ASSOCIATED SEQUENCE FOR DEAFNESS,
OSTEOARTHRITIS AND ABNORMAL CELL
PROLIFERATION

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005 and in light of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.